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Nec ſcit, qua ſit iter, nec ſi ſciat imperet— Ovid.

Friday, March 27. 1713.

To the GUARDIAN.

SIR,

'YOU having in your Firſt Paper declared, 'among other things, that you will publiſh whatever you think may conduce 'to the Advancement of the Converſation of Gentlemen, I cannot but hope you will give my Young 'Maſters, when I have told you their Age, Condition, 'and how they lead their Lives, and who, though I 'ſay it, are as docil as any Youths in *Europe*, a 'Leſſon which they very much want, to reſtrain 'em from the Infection of bad Company, and 'ſquandering away their Time in idle and unworthy Purſuits. A Word from you, I am very well aſſured, will prevail more with them than any 'Remonſtrance they will meet with at home. The 'Eldeſt is now about Seventeen Years of Age and 'the Younger Fifteen, born of noble Parentage, 'and to plentiful Fortunes. They have a very good 'Father and Mother, and alſo a Governour, but 'come very ſeldom (except againſt their Wills) in 'the Sight of any of them. That which I obſerve 'they have moſt Reliſh to is Horſes and Cock-fighting, which they too too well underſtand, being almoſt poſitive at firſt Sight to tell you which 'Horſe will win the Match, and which Cock the 'Battel; and if you are of another Opinion, will 'lay you what you pleaſe on their own, and 'tis 'odds but you loſe. What I fear to be the greateſt Prejudice to them, is their keeping much 'cloſer to their Horſes Heels than their Books, and converſing more with their Stable-men and Laquies than with their Relations and Gentlemen; 'and, I apprehend, are at this time better skill'd 'how to hold the Reins, and drive a Coach, than 'to tranſlate a Verſe in *Virgil* or *Horace*: For 't'other Day taking a Walk abroad, they met accidentally in the Fields with two young Ladies, whoſe Converſation they were very much 'pleas'd with; and being deſirous to ingratiate 'themſelves further into their Favour, prevail'd 'with 'em, though they had never ſeen them before in their Lives, to take the Air in a Coach of 'their Father's, which waited for them at the End 'of *Gray's Inn Lane*. The Youths ran with the 'Wings of Love, and ordered the Coachman to 'wait at the Town's End till they came back. One 'of our young Gentlemen got up before, and t'other 'behind, to act the Parts they had long, by the Direction and Example of their Comrades, taken 'much Pains to qualifie themſelves for, and ſo galloped off. What theſe mean Entertainments will 'end in, it is impoſſible to foreſee; but a *Preſumption* upon that Subject might prevent very great 'Calamities in a very worthy Family, who take in 'your Papers, and might perhaps be alarmed at 'what you lay before them upon this Subject.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

T. S.

To the GUARDIAN.

SIR,

'I Writ to you on the 21ſt of this Month, which 'you did not think fit to take Notice of; it 'gives me the greater trouble that you did not, 'becauſe I am confident the Father of the young 'Lads, whom I mentioned, would have conſidered 'how far what was ſaid in my Letter concerned 'himſelf; upon which it is now too late to reflect. 'His ingenious Son, the Coachman, aged Seventeen Years, has ſince that time ran away with, 'and married one of the Girls I ſpoke of in my laſt. 'The manner of carrying on the Intreague, as I 'have picked it out of the younger Brother, who is 'almoſt Sixteen, ſtill a Batchelor, was as follows: 'One

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'One of the young Women whom they met in 'the Fields ſeemed very much taken with my Ma'ſter the elder Son, and was prevailed with to go 'into a Cake-houſe not far off the Town. The 'Girl it ſeems acted her part ſo well, ſo as to ena'mour the Boy, and make him inquiſitive into her 'Place of Aboad, with all other Queſtions which 'were neceſſary toward further Intimacy. The 'matter was ſo managed, that the Lad was made 'to believe there was no poſſibility of converſing 'with her, by reaſon of a very ſevere Mother, but 'with the utmoſt Caution. What, it ſeems, made 'the Mother, forſooth, the more ſuſpitious was, that 'becauſe the Men ſaid her Daughter was pretty, 'ſome body or other would perſuade her to Marry 'while ſhe was too young to know how to go'vern a Family. By what I can learn, from Pre'tences as ſhallow as this, ſhe appeared ſo far from 'having a Deſign upon her Lover, that it ſeemed 'impracticable to him to get her, except it were 'carried on with much Secrecy and Skill. Many 'were the Interviews theſe Lovers had in Four 'and Twenty Hours time: For it was managed by 'the Mother, that he ſhould run in and out as un'obſerved by her, and the Girl be called in every 'other inſtant into the next Room, and rated (that 'ſhe could not ſtay in a Place) in his Hearing. 'The young Gentleman was at laſt ſo much in 'Love, as to be thought by the Daughter engaged 'far enough to put it to the venture that he could 'not live without her. It was now time for the 'Mother to appear, who ſurpriſed the Lovers toge'ther in private, and baniſhed the Youth her Houſe. 'What is not in the Power of Love? The Cha'rioteer, attended by his faithful Friend the younger 'Brother, got out the other Morning a little earlier 'than ordinary, and having made a ſudden Friend'ſhip with a Lad of their own Age by the force 'of Ten Shillings, who drove an Hackney Coach, 'the elder Brother took his Poſt in the Coach Box, 'where he could act with a great deal of Skill and 'Dexterity, and waited at the Corner of the Street 'where his Miſtreſs lived, in hopes of carrying her 'off under that Diſguiſe. The whole Day was 'ſpent in Expectation of an Opportunity; but in 'many parts of it he had kind Looks from a di'ſtant Window, which was anſwered by a Brandiſh 'of his Whip, and a Compaſs taken to drive round 'and ſhow his Activity, and Readineſs to convey 'her where ſhe ſhould command him. Upon the 'approach of the Evening a Note was thrown into 'his Coach by a Porter, to acquaint him that his 'Miſtreſs and her Mother ſhould take Coach exact'ly at Seven a-Clock; but that the Mother was to be 'ſet down, and the Daughter to go further, and 'call again. The happy Minute came at laſt, when 'our Hack had the happineſs to take in his expect'ed Fare, attended by her Mother and the young 'Lady with whom he had firſt met her. The Mo'ther was ſet down in the *Strand*, and her Daughter 'ordered to call on her when ſhe came from her 'Couſin's an Hour afterwards. The Mother was 'not ſo unskilful as not to have inſtructed her 'Daughter whom to ſend for, and how to behave 'her ſelf when her Lover ſhould urge her Conſent. 'We yet know no further Particulars, but that my 'young Maſter was married laſt Night at *Knightſ'bridge*, in the Preſence of his Brother and two or 'three other Perſons; and that juſt before the Cere'mony he took his Brother aſide, and asked him 'to marry the other young Woman. Now, Sir, 'I will not Harangue upon this Adventure; but 'only obſerve, that if the Education of this Com'pound Creature had been more careful as to his 'rational Part, the Animal Life in him had not, 'perhaps, been ſo forward but he might have wait'ed longer before he was an Husband. However, 'as the whole Town will in a Day or two know 'the Names, Perſons, and other Circumſtances, I 'think this properly lies before your Guardianſhip to 'conſider for the Admonition of others; but my 'young Maſter's Fate is irrevocable.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant.

This Paper is to be had of Mr. Yemes *under the* Thatch'd-houſe *Tavern in St.* James's-ſtreet; *Mrs.* Bond *at* Charing-croſs; *Mrs.* Bolter *near the* Temple-gate; *and Mr.* Round *in* Exchange-Ally.

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